

Sangamon Valley LEPC

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AGENDA

March 21, 2013

8:30 AM

*Sangamon County Central Dispatch Center
2000 Shale Road
Springfield, IL 62703*

Meeting Called to Order by David Butt, Chairman

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (01/17/2013)

Introductions

Recognition of LEPC Members and Visitors

Old Business

Exercises

Annual Review of Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Sangamon County

Filing of 2012 Tier 2 Forms

Report on Progress of Site Specific Planning Project

ETSD Site Addressing Project for the Sangamon County Dispatch Center

New Business

Winnebago Co. LEPC Conference / May 1 – 3, Rockford

Other Business

Other Business Old or New

Next Meeting: May 16, 2013, at Athens City Hall

Motion to Adjourn Meeting and View Dispatcher Consoles

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MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON VALLEY LEPC MEETING – March 21, 2013

Call to Order - The Chair, David Butt, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am, at the Sangamon County Central Dispatch Center, 2000 Shale Road, Springfield IL 62703.

There was a quorum with 20 members present: David Butt, Sangamon County OEM; Joe Crowe, Athens/Fancy Prairie Fire Department; Roger Cruse, Ameren Illinois; Amy Eden, American Red Cross; Trevor Gaefcke, Illinois Air National Guard; Larry Graf, Menard County EMS; Deborah Hamrick, Illinois Air National Guard; Stephanie Howard, Memorial Medical Center (MMC); Joe Kloba, Sangamon County 9-1-1; Tim Krell, Sangamon County Board; Greg Lokaitis, Springfield Police Department; Mike Lopez, Sangamon County 9-1-1/ Village of Jerome; Pat Metz, City Water, Light and Power (CWLP); Mike Moos, Sherman EMA; Bill Russell, Sangamon County Rescue Squad; Beth Skeeters, Illinois Air National Guard; Linda Swartz, Community Member; Diana Wade, Sangamon County Department of Public Health; Kevin Wade, Menard County Rescue Squad; and Rick Weber, Springfield Fire Department..

Approval of the Minutes - Minutes from the LEPC meeting of January 17, 2013, were distributed via e-mail prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Pat Metz, seconded by Mike Lopez and approved unanimously to accept these minutes.

Introductions - Self-introductions were made by the members in attendance. Seven visitors were present: Louie Rogers, Independent Contractor; Dale Schultz, Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission; Laura Velente, Illinois Air National Guard; Eric Bornemann, Department of Homeland Security; Kathy Allen, Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA); Russ Steil, IEMA; and Kevin Sledge, IEMA.

Old Business

Exercises – The Chair distributed the write-up from last December's tabletop exercise arranged by Growmark. With just 4 from the LEPC present, we still played an influential role. Kathy Allen gave an overview on next week's nuclear power plant exercises for Clinton (DeWitt County). A plume exercise for the 10-mile radius of a nuclear plant is held every second year, but a pathway ingestion exercise for the 50-mile radius of a nuclear power plant is held only every eighth year. There will be a pathway ingestion exercise for Clinton next week and both Sangamon and Menard Counties are within this radius. Stephanie Howard recently completed the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program and had questions about local exercising initiatives. Russ Steil and Diana Wade provided feedback and offers of assistance for Stephanie as MMC reassigns duties to fill the gap left by John Brennan's retirement.

Annual Review of Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Sangamon County – The entire plan for Sangamon County with highlighted updates needing approval was distributed by e-mail ahead of the meeting. The plan has increased in size by a page to 24. The Chair discussed every change, given emphasis to 3 areas of substance. Ameren is now identified for a transportation pipeline in Sangamon County, taking the total to 3 and the full name Kinder Morgan/Rockies Express is used for one of the others. Regarding exercises, the initial plan expressed the desire for at least 5 representatives at a local exercise. The successful exercise with Growmark occurred with 4 representatives because of its short notice and our plan will now call for 4 LEPC members (or 3 members plus the LEPC's independent contractor). Every year, Appendix 1 listing "Facilities Storing EHS, Bulk Fuel at a Terminal and Propane" will have numerous changes based on the filing of Tier 2 Reports. Appendix 1 was expanded from 2 pages (single space) to 3 pages (space and a half) as 9 new facilities were added with only 4 being removed. A motion was made by Kevin Wade, seconded by Joe Kloba to accept the revised plan dated March 21, 2013. In discussion, Mike Moos offered to obtain the telephone number for the Bethesda Lutheran Home in Sherman. The Chair indicated that it could be accepted after the review in accordance with the last sentence on the plan's first page. The motion was approved unanimously. Menard County's plan will be reviewed at our May meeting.

Filing of Tier 2 Reports – The Chair reported that our LEPC has received 12 of 12 reports for Menard County and 130 of 133 reports for Sangamon County. By e-mail, he has contacted Curran-Gardner Public Water District, Kindred Hospital and Lincoln Land Oil for their missing reports. Kathy's staff at IEMA has been contacting filers with missing reports statewide for several weeks.

Independent Planner's Report on the Site Specific Planning Project – Louie Rogers reported on project progress. There are 11 plans requiring updates during March and April. He has met with several of the facilities and is working on the needed updates. With the retirements of John Brennan and Matt Helms, who are both identified in every plan, there is no doubt that each one requires this year's annual update. The Chair confirmed for the committee that on February 28, Matt officially retired by turning in his contractor's badge and submitting his final invoice. Since the last meeting, Matt completed all plans due for their updates in January and February. With Matt's permission, the Chair shared information that Matt is diagnosed with ALS, known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Several mornings a week, including today, Matt drives himself to Physical Therapy to keep good motion in his right shoulder, as the first area where Matt had concern is in his right arm. Mike Lopez shared some kind words expressing the importance of Matt Helms to our LEPC which all agreed with.

Addressing Project for Sangamon County Dispatch Center – Joe Kloba and Mike Lopez are both addressors for the Sangamon County Emergency Telephone System Department. Mike said the purpose for hosting today's meeting at the Dispatch Center is to take everyone back to the telecommunicators' area to see what is involved for dispatching and to see how information from the LEPC has been used to give an alert for those addresses with chemicals (requiring that the facility file a Tier 2 Report). Mike also gave an update on the repercussions of an amendment to the Illinois Premise Alert Program (PAP) Act that he introduced to us in January. The reporting of home oxygen is required without there being guidance like we have for our Tier 2 reporting of chemicals.

New Business

Winnebago County LEPC Conference – This year's conference will be held May 1-3. The Chair will be attending. Several from our LEPC have attended over the years. Chapter 8 of our plan references this conference as a training opportunity along with its website <http://www.winn-lepc.org>. The Chair encouraged members with an interest, who might be available that week, to notify him.

Other Business – The Chair had shared a National Weather Service (NWS) website with committee members after the agenda was posted http://www.crh.noaa.gov/ilx/?n=flood_safety_awareness_week_1. This is Flood Safety Awareness Week. In 2010, Sangamon County had an urban flash flood fatality and in 2011 it had a rural flash flood fatality. This loss of life emphasizes the importance of the topic. Mike Moos used this information from NWS on Sherman EMA's new Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sherman-Emergency-Management-Agency/550158648358278?ref=stream>. He asked people to "like" the page.

Meeting Closure - The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am, May 16, 2013, at the Athens Community Park. The building we use also serves as the Athens City Hall. A motion was made by Mike Moos, seconded by Beth Skeeters and approved unanimously to adjourn the business meeting at 9:40 am. All members and visitors were asked to join Joe Kloba and Mike Lopez for a tour.